

Church News

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month by Rev. Geo. D. Booth, of Laurel. The continuous rain greatly interfered with the work, but the forceful presentation of the gospel and earnest appeals for Christ's cause will result in the strengthening and up-building of the kingdom here.

Sallis: Dr. W. H. Miley, secretary of evangelism, closed a ten days' meeting here last week. The people of Sallis considered it an unusual opportunity to have a man of Dr. Miley's ability conduct the meeting for them. Rev. L. R. Simpson, of Aliceville, Ala., assisted by his son, Russell, had charge of the singing. About 260 cards were signed, quite a number of which were professions. The Presbyterian Church was increased about 50 per cent in numbers and efficiency.

J. A. W.

Collins: On Tuesday morning, August 8th, we closed our annual tent meeting at McDonald's chapel about three miles from town where we hold service on one afternoon of each month and conduct a Sabbath-school every Sabbath afternoon with an attendance of more than sixty members. The meeting continued eight days. During four days of the meeting, we had the assistance of Rev. W. I. McInnis, of Bay Street church, Hattiesburg. His preaching was of the gospel type, and his ministrations proved a great blessing to the whole community. In addition to other professions, seven of whom received the ordinance of baptism. On Sunday afternoon, seven children, representing four families, were dedicated to God by baptism. Had we closed on Sunday night, as some suggested, we would not have received a single member, or not more than two. In my experience, it seems to me that many of our churches or officials are too easily satisfied with a few days' meeting and have the meetings to close when the people are just getting deeply interested and thereby lose much of the results. Last year, I had the pleasure of assisting a pastor of a church where they could have no night services. Though it was a busy hay time with the farmers, the officials said, we are going to stand by you preachers till you say close. As a result of continuing several days, there were 18 additions to the church.

J. W. A.

MISSOURI.

Presbytery of St. Louis will meet in South Dardenne church, Howell, Mo., September 12, 1916, at 7:30 P. M.

Walter M. Langtry, Stated Clerk.

St. Charles First Church: The pastor of this church was given a unique and delightful send-off on the occasion of his leaving to take a needy field at the call of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery. A basket supper was given on the church lawn, after which the regular prayer-meeting was held. Forty-seven persons remained to the prayer-meeting and every one took part. The prayer-meeting has been emphasized by the pastor with the result that the attendance has usually ranged from 25 to 50 per cent of the membership. On the last Sunday four young persons in the Sunday-school confessed Christ.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Sherrill's Ford Church: During the last week in July the pastor, Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., held a protracted meeting at this church, in which he did all the preaching. Part of the time unfavorable weather caused smaller attendance than there would otherwise have been; but when the weather was permissible large crowds

attended. The people were much interested and helped, and there were two additions to the church on profession of faith in Christ. This is the fourth summer in succession in with good results. During the second meeting at this church, and always with good results. During the second week in July Dr. Sikes preached for Rev. J. C. Story in a meeting at Sevier, in which there were five additions to the church.

Holly Grove, Sampson County: Ten united with the Church in a series of meetings closing the fifth Sunday in July. Rev. George M. Matthis preached strong and helpful sermons, twice a day, to large congregations.

OKLAHOMA.

Presbytery of Durant, Synod of Oklahoma, will meet in the Idabee First Church (Presbyterian) on Tuesday, September 12th, at 8 o'clock P. M. The Standing Rule has been changed since the last fall meeting.

The moderator is Rev. S. J. McMurry, now of Sulphur, Okla.

Erskine Brantly, Stated Clerk.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Enoree Presbytery will meet in Fountain Inn, S. C., September 26, 1916, at 4 P. M.

E. P. Davis, Stated Clerk.

Bethia: This Church is one in the group of churches served by the Rev. J. B. Hillhouse, Abbeville, S. C. I had the pleasure and privilege of helping him at his summer communion on fifth Sabbath in July. As it rained so the farmers could do no field work they gave themselves up to the services and from the first day on we had fine, earnest, refreshing worship. Mr. Hillhouse has a large company of young men and young women in this congregation. Fourteen joined at this sacrament. It was a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Mr. Hillhouse is doing a fine work at this point, and is much beloved by all. It is truly a pleasure and a joy to preach when you find the people hungry for the word.

James Russell.

Presbytery of Pee Dee will meet in Jefferson, S. C., Oct. 3rd, 1916, at 8 P. M.

A. H. McArn, Stated Clerk.

Bethel Presbytery, Synod of South Carolina, will meet at Olivet church, McConellsville, September 5th, 11 A. M.

Jno. A. McMurray, Stated Clerk.

TENNESSEE.

Presbytery of Memphis will meet at Bethel Springs, Tenn., September 19, 1916, 8 P. M.

J. H. Lumpkin, Stated Clerk.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 10, 1916.

Petersburg: The Methodists and Presbyterians of Petersburg had a union revival this year. It was one of the most helpful revivals we have ever had. The services were in the Methodist church, with Rev. A. R. Shaw, D. D., professor of theology at S. P. U., doing the preaching. Dr. Shaw came to us July 16th and preached for two weeks. We have never heard the gospel truths presented with greater zeal and power. Dr. Shaw is not only a great teacher, but a great preacher. We can never forget his inspiring messages which were delivered with such clearness that a child could understand them. He used the cards that Dr. Thacker uses in his revivals, and used them successfully. The visible results were as follows: Professions, 39; transfer of membership, 13; reconsecrations, 183. Of this number 14 have united with the Presbyterian Church and others to come later. We feel that our Church was greatly blessed by the coming of Dr. Shaw. The Church is stronger than ever before and is doing good work in all departments.

The first Sunday in August, immediately after the morning service, the following officers were elected: Elder, T. W. Swanner; deacons, W. C. Edmiston, Jr., W. E. Jackson, Prof. O. E. Frye and J. L. Duckworth. These officers will be ordained and installed the first Sunday in September.

R. W. Hardy.

TEXAS.

Presbytery of Eastern Texas will meet in the Presbyterian Church of San Augustine, Texas, September 12, 1916, at 8 P. M.

F. E. Robbins, Stated Clerk.

Presbytery of Dallas will meet in the Presbyterian Church, Quanah, Texas, Tuesday, September 12th, at 7:30 P. M.

Wm. Fred Galbraith, Stated Clerk.

Presbytery of Brownwood will meet at San Saba, Texas, Tuesday, September 5th, 1916, at 8 P. M.

Malcom Black, Stated Clerk.

Presbytery of Fort Worth will meet at Palo Pinto church, September 12, 8 P. M., 1916.

J. D. Leslie, Stated Clerk.

Austin Theological Seminary: Dr. Neal L. Anderson, of North Carolina, has signified his acceptance of the presidency of the Seminary, to which he was recently elected by the Board of Trustees.

This announcement will be gratifying to all friends of the Seminary. Dr. Anderson is an alumnus of Davidson College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a man of scholarly tastes and attainments and he has had years of distinguished success in important pastorates. In the prime of life, with ripe experience and an inspiring personality, he will bring aggressive leadership to this important work in the southwest.

The coming of Dr. Anderson will fill the only vacancy in the Seminary force and the institution is prepared to continue the high type of training which it has given to its student body. There is every reason to expect that this vigorous school of the prophets will continue to grow in power and service.

Arthur G. Jones,
Pres. Board of Trustees.

PERSONAL.

Rev. I. Cochrane Hunt returned to his home, 1539 Madison avenue, Covington, Kentucky, last week after a three months' absence. He will occupy his pulpit on the first Sunday in September.

Rev. Dr. Geo. L. Petrie's, of Charlottesville, Va., many friends will be glad to know that he is at home again, greatly improved in health, after being in a hospital in his city for several weeks. Dr. Petrie has been pastor of the Charlottesville church for 37 years. He is much beloved by people of all classes and has done a fine work there, and it is hoped that he may soon be entirely restored to health.

HOME MISSION CONFERENCE, MONTREAT, N. C.

August 2nd to August 6th.

Mrs. W. P. Borland, Kansas City, Mo.

And the funny thing about it was this: Montreat never knew how it was suffering from the flood until it read all about it in the Asheville and Atlanta papers! Montreat thought itself comparatively high and dry, only up to its ankles in mud, but it learned from the Asheville papers many days after the deluge that "Montreat was still under water." The inundations of unjustified reports of our flood did Montreat infinitely more damage than the original inundation of mere water, which soon dried up. Those on the

outside who rained unneeded pity on us could not be persuaded to "dry up," and finally succeeded in dampening the ardor and valor of many of the speakers who should have spoken during Home Mission week.

While telegrams were flying back and forth between the Home Mission office in Atlanta and the Program Committee at Montreat, the crowds were kept in a good humor by Dr. Walter W. Moore, who talked each morning on the Geography of the Holy Land. Now if anybody has any doubts about the possibility of building up a fascinating course of lectures on so apparently dry a subject, let him ask any of the eight hundred persons who attended these eight lectures. Evidently anyone who is skeptical on this point has never heard Dr. Moore, for there is no subject so abstruse nor theme so barren, from Hebrew roots to the Dead Sea, but blossoms into life and beauty at his touch.

The first part of the week was given to Christian Education, in the absence of Dr. Sweets, by Dr. Walter L. Lingle, of Union Seminary, and Dr. D. S. Gage, of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., and Dr. Wm. J. Martin, president of Davidson College, N. C. One morning Rev. R. L. Walkup, Jackson, Miss., Secretary the Assembly's Campaign Committee of Stewardship, gave an impressive presentation of the Assembly's plan of Systematic Beneficence.

The Home Mission program began with an address by Dr. D. Clay Lilly, of Nashville, Tenn., one of the general secretaries of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Dr. Lilly is bound close to the heart of Home Missions as son-in-law of our beloved and revered Dr. E. O. Guerrant. His talk on "America's Opportunity" was one of the finest things Montreat has offered this year. In this address he reminded us how unquestioned was Europe's supremacy a few years ago, and how recently two rival powers had sprung into prominence, Japan and the United States. The world is in need of leadership. Europe can furnish no leadership at least for many years. Japan has not the spiritual stamina to make her a world leader. Is America ready for this responsibility? Shall she learn, and then demonstrate to the world, that to live is to give. Shall she prove to the world that in all things—not alone in common currency—she lives out her motto: "In God We Trust"? Shall she prepare herself for leadership after Christ's rule, "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant"?

Thursday night young and old were delighted by a stereopticon lecture by Rev. John Little, of Louisville, Ky., on our work among the colored people. His pictures were good and they were representative of work all through the South. He showed how great results came, with the Master's blessing, from very small and unambitious beginnings, how a large Sunday-school had grown from one lady's teaching the lesson Sunday afternoons on her veranda to her cook's little girl. No one need ever complain, "There is nothing I can do."

On Friday night another phase of Home Mission work was presented by Rev. C. Groshon Gunn, who delivered his delightful illustrated lecture on "Beautiful Breathitt." This church, two counties in Kentucky where much mountain work has concentrated. Mr. Gunn is pastor of the church at Jackson, the capital of "Bloody Breathitt" county, translated, not only in letter but in life, by Dr. E. O. Guerrant into "Beautiful Breathitt." This church, by the way, was the first church ever organized in all this territory by Dr. Guerrant. Jackson, situated on a

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